

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

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In re Application of Hu et al.

Application Number 10/041,770

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Group Art Unit 1652

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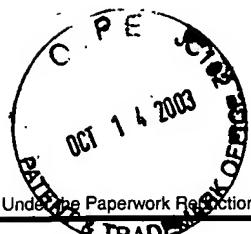
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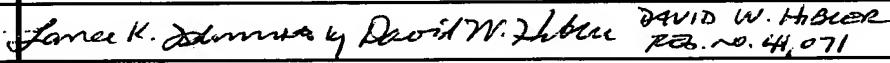
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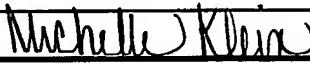
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